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Police prepare for snarled roads

BY ROBERTO SCALESE
STAFF WRITER

The Democrats get the party, but communities like Arlington may be stuck with the clean-up.

Arlington is prepared for an onslaught of drivers trying to weave through roadways as the Democratic National Convention takes place miles away at the FleetCenter next week. Workers booted from the highways still need to get home, but Police Chief Fred Ryan said safety personnel

across the region are preparing to help those harried travelers on their way.

"While Arlington should not experience a significant impact in the morning, we should expect a significant impact in the afternoon," said Ryan at the Board of Selectmen's meeting Monday.

Ryan said there should be about 2,000 cars per hour displaced during the morning commute because of road closures on Route 95 in Woburn and Route 93. Ryan said that could mean motorists using

Mystic and Pleasant streets and Park Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue to get to Route 2 in the morning.

In the evening, things should be worse.

In a memo to Town Manager Brian Sullivan, Ryan wrote, "Due to the typical peak out-bound commuter traffic traveling from Alewife and Route 2 onto Arlington's north-bound roads (Lake, Pleasant, Highland and Park Avenue) combined with 93 south-bound traffic being diverted to Route 60 in Medford, we expect major delays on Massachusetts Avenue and all north/south roadways cited

above."

Officers will be dispatched at several key intersections around town, said Ryan, including Massachusetts Avenue and Lake Street, Massachusetts Avenue and Mystic Street, Medford and Warren streets and Mystic and Summer streets.

The officers will not direct traffic, leaving that for the traffic signals. Instead, the officers will ensure drivers don't clog intersections, which could block emergency vehicles.

"They won't be directing traffic. Our officers in the

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Interest for medical use at Symmes

BY LES MASTERSON
STAFF WRITER

Advocates for medical uses at the former Symmes Hospital have been pleased with the number of doctors interested in joining a team on the hill.

However, before residents start rejoicing, advocates also warned talks were still preliminary and no one has officially signed on yet.

Representatives from Menotomy Medical Partners, which was established by three local doctors to bring medical uses to the new Symmes, have been meeting with nearby hospitals and doctors. Though hospitals are leery to commit to a new facility at Symmes, a number of doctors have shown interest.

After being rebuffed by Lahey Clinic, Winchester Hospital and Mt. Auburn Hospital, Dr. Timothy Crowley of Menotomy Medical Partners said the advocates are now looking at a condo model. Changing their focus has opened up the market, he said.

"The condominium model was a home run," said Dr. Anthony DiSciullo of Menotomy Medical.

Symmes Redevelopment Associates, led by developer EA Fish, has decreased the size

of the proposed medical use from at least 50,000 square feet to 40,000, but representatives said the level of service will not be affected.

"On the first pass, we've gotten very good feedback on

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Keeping Woodside open suggested

BY LES MASTERSON
STAFF WRITER

A traffic consultant for EA Fish told the Redevelopment Board Monday keeping Woodside Lane open to the Symmes project is a better idea than closing the road to traffic.

Woodside Lane would be a "relief valve" and would allow for two access points to the development, said Jane Howard of Howard/Stein-Hudson

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Donna Sharff and Karine Toussaint move The Children's Room to its new home at the former Unicorn Books. The Children's Room is also renovating the building.

STAFF PHOTO BY ANN RINGWOOD

Children's Room readying new home

BY BROOKE LEISTER
STAFF WRITER

In a few weeks, The Children's Room will have a new home with yellow, peach and soft green on the walls, dozens of stuffed animals scattered throughout and a quilt comprised of patches dedicated to lost loved ones.

It really will feel like a home.

After five years in the basement of First Baptist Church, The Children's Room, a center for grieving children and teenagers, will take up new residence at 1210 Massachusetts Ave., the former site of Unicorn Books. Moving day is Aug. 4.

The Children's Room, which has been in Arlington for five years, was the beneficiary of the 2003 Boston Bruins Wives' Charity Carnival held at the FleetCenter. The event raised \$189,000 and gave the nonprofit organization the credibility needed to secure a bank loan for the \$625,000 home. Fund raising and money from grants will pay the mortgage.

When the center opened in April 1999, the staff served nine children. Today, they help 114 children from 44 cities and towns. About 20 children are on a waiting list and when the new home opens in early September, the staff will be able to accommodate them.

Because the church space was shared with other groups, The Children's Room staff could not use the rooms on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. They also had to pack up their materials after each group session.

"It will be a very homey environment," Judy Oliver, program director at The Children's Room, said of the new home. "There will be stuffed animals everywhere. We have a quiet room, we have a play room, we have an art room, we have a high-energy room. We'll have all our rooms and we'll keep them set up."

The center serves children ages 3 to 18, as well as their families. To help the

■ SEE **CHILDREN'S ROOM**, PAGE 13

Selectmen seek church land

BY ROBERTO SCALESE
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Selectmen wants the two closing church properties in Arlington.

The board voted Monday to investigate the possibilities of claiming the land through either a purchase or eminent domain. The Catholic Archdiocese of Boston plans on closing 68 parishes, including Saint James the Apostle and Saint Jerome's churches in Arlington.

Selectman Charles Lyons said the two churches were built and cared for by town residents and have become important institutions for the community. That history and the community's sense of ownership of the sites give the town ample reason to have Arlington "thoroughly engaged and involved" in the churches' future uses, he said.

"I am concerned by the quickness of the archdiocese to sell these properties," said

■ SEE **CHURCHES**, PAGE 14

Board asks unions to move forward with sunset provision

BY ROBERTO SCALESE
STAFF WRITER

There's been little progress between the town and the unions on coalition bargaining and the Board of Selectmen is getting tired of the issue. At the board's Monday night meeting, selectmen asked the issue be resolved within the next month.

Town Manager Brian Sullivan has drafted a proposal that would give the unions all the protections and responsibilities included in coalition bargaining with one key differ-

ence: The agreement has a sunset clause of June 30, 2006. That sunset provision has been the roadblock in negotiations thus far.

"We think the document that has been drafted addresses all the issues," said Sullivan.

Under state law Chapter 32B, Section 19, unions and towns can agree to enter coalition bargaining for health insurance benefits. That allows unions to work collaboratively and approve a proposal with a 70 percent majority, instead of the individual groups voting separately for a change. Both the unions and

town must agree to enter and abandon coalition bargaining.

Sullivan and Town Counsel John Maher both balked at the statute, saying the town could be handcuffed if the unions don't vote to abandon the practice. The unions are concerned any agreement with a sunset provision undercuts protections guaranteed under the statute and could lead to the town taking away benefits and then changing how the sides negotiate those changes.

Several board members said they felt the matter was settled when

they previously voted to have the unions negotiate a deal with the town manager.

"I thought we already voted not to go forward," said Selectman Kathleen Dias.

"We've had the same discussion three times in a row," said Selectman Jack Hurd. "We should close on this one way or the other."

Selectmen Chairman Diane Mahon, the only board member to openly support moving into coalition bargaining instead of a mutual agreement, said she never voted to abandon using Section 19. Instead,

she interpreted the board's previous vote as an endorsement to see what deal the town manager and unions could find. If a deal can't be made, she would support coalition bargaining.

"I've been ready since day one to go into Chapter 32, Section 19," said Mahon. "I think we're losing thousands, if not millions, of dollars."

Selectman Charles Lyons told Mahon there's no reason for the unions to negotiate with the manager if they believe the board may accept the provisions of Section 19.



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FOR THE RECORD

POLICE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Arlington Police Department log. The log is available to the public.

Monday, July 12

• At 8:21 a.m., a Broadway resident reported an unlocked motor vehicle was entered and a cellular phone was taken.

• At 10:13 a.m., a Franklin Street resident called police after discovering three compact discs and a flashlight were taken from a motor vehicle. There were no signs of forced entry.



Tuesday, July 13

• At 3:19 p.m., a River Street business called police after three tires were damaged overnight.

• At 5:30 p.m., police received a call from an employee of a Broadway business after a young man reportedly mooned her.

Wednesday, July 14

• At 8:40 a.m., police responded to Park Avenue concerning credit card fraud.

• At 7:31 p.m., police received a call concerning a cellular phone, which was stolen from an unlocked vehicle at Highland and Massachusetts avenues.

Thursday, July 15

• At 10:32 a.m., the Police Department received a call about a larceny by check on Chestnut Street.

• At 12:04 p.m., a Cedar

Wednesday, July 14

• At 5:25 p.m., police arrested Robin Ann Pessotti, 42, and charged her with possessing Class B drugs (cocaine and percocet), distributing a Class B drug (cocaine) and a warrant for operating a motor vehicle after her license was suspended and Robert Alexis Cancel-Gonzales, 21, 10 Hunter St., Roxbury, and charged him with distributing a Class B drug. Inspector Sean Kiernan made the arrest.

Thursday, July 15

• At 2:31 a.m., police arrested Everton Damean Lugg, 21, 3 Putnam Gardens, Apt. 26, Cambridge, and charged him on warrants for four counts of receiving stolen property more than \$250, two counts of larceny and one count of trespassing. Officer Bryan Gallagher saw a motor vehicle driving slowly on Fremont Court and then on North Union Street. He checked the car's registration and found there was a warrant for the driver's arrest. Gallagher pulled over the vehicle and arrested Lugg.

• At 10:56 a.m., police arrested David V. Cumberbatch, 44, 27 James St., Watertown, and charged him on a warrant for larceny of more than \$250. Sgt.

Avenue resident reported jewelry was taken from a bedroom. There were no signs of forced entry. Police are investigating.

• At 6:32 p.m., a Webster Street resident called police about a previous car break-in. After reading a story in last week's Advocate about car burglaries, the resident wanted to report the incident. Nothing was reportedly taken, but the vehicle was ransacked.

Arrests

David McNamee was on Mountain Avenue when he saw a parked vehicle in the wrong direction. The sergeant found there was a warrant for the driver's arrest. He arrested Cumberbatch.

• At 2:38 p.m., police arrested Anthony R. DiCicco Jr., 52, 3 Wesley Park, Somerville, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and shoplifting less than \$100 by concealing merchandise. Officer Gina Bassett responded to Massachusetts Avenue concerning a man with a suspended license. While searching DiCicco, police found a can of baby formula in the crotch of the man's pants. The Somerville man reportedly told police he had the can in his pants all day. Police went to CVS where the store manager reported a can of baby formula had been stolen. Bassett made the arrest.

Friday, July 16

• At 3:09 a.m., police arrested David E. Goggin, 38, 268 Powderhouse Blvd., Somerville, and charged him on warrants for larceny by check under \$250, failing to return leased personal property and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Officer Stephen Krepelka responded to Massa-

chusetts Avenue when a caller reported Goggin was in the area. Krepelka made the arrest.

• At 6:10 a.m., police arrested Klevis Qyrasi, 25, 13 Jacobs St., Peabody, and charged him with violating an abuse prevention order. Officer Gary Flavin made the arrest.

• At 9:26 p.m., police arrested a juvenile and charged him with possessing a Class D substance (marijuana). Officer Douglas Cronin saw two young men acting suspiciously on Broadway. Cronin approached one of them and found a bag of marijuana on him. Cronin made the arrest.

• At 10:05 p.m., police arrested John Battell, 57, 23 Drake Road, Apt. B, and charged him with trespassing. Officer Michael Flynn responded to Walgreen's in Arlington Heights regarding an unwanted customer. Because of previous problems with the store, Battell is not allowed in the business. Flynn asked the man to leave, but he refused. The officer made the arrest.

Sunday, July 18

• At 6:05 a.m., police arrested Casey Richard Kolenda, 18, 32 Central St., and charged him with violating an abuse prevention order. Officer Ronald Kerr made the arrest.

Friday, July 16

• At 2:50 p.m., a Drake Road resident reported identity theft and credit card fraud.

Saturday, July 17

• At 9:57 a.m., police responded to Massachusetts Avenue after a credit card was stolen from a business. Police are investigating.

• At 1:17 p.m., a Milton Street resident reported credit card fraud and said some-

one stole blank checks. Police are investigating.

• At 5:05 p.m., police received a call from an East Arlington woman after a man on a bike made her uncomfortable by staring at her. The man is described as a white male, medium build, who was wearing a Boston Red Sox T-shirt.

• At 5:16 p.m., a Huntington Road resident reported a youth with a pellet gun. Police are investigating.

Workers readying Dallin for demolition

BY BROOKE LEISTER
STAFF WRITER

Crews are readying Dallin Elementary School for the wrecking ball.

"Right now, they've begun the process of demolition. They should be done by the second week of August," said Rob Addelson, chief financial officer for Arlington schools.

Earlier this month, crew members began evaluating the ailing school to uncover potentially hazardous materials, such as asbestos, that could be released into the air when it is demolished. These materials will be removed before the building is torn down.

"That's standard procedure for any building that is being demolished," Addelson said.

Castagna Construction, the same construction com-

pany that rebuilt Peirce Elementary School, is the general contractor for the \$11.9 million Dallin rebuild.

Of the \$11.9 million, \$2.1 million will pay for the architect, computers, furnishings and legal fees. Some of this work will be put out to bid, while other purchases will be paid for by the town's Permanent Town Building Committee.

Arlington's elementary school renovation project started in the early 1990s with discussions about the cost and scope of the project. Of the town's seven elementary schools, four have been rebuilt or renovated.

After the building is demolished, the site will be prepared for the new school. Addelson expects the steel to be delivered in early September. A new Dallin is scheduled to open in two years.

Meetings

Thursday, July 22

• Contributory Retirement Board meets at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Safety Building, second-floor meeting room.

• Arlington Historic District Commissions meet at 8 p.m. in the Whittemore-Robbins House.

Monday, July 26

• School Committee's Policy and Procedures Subcom-

mittee meets at 3 p.m. in the School Committee Room, Arlington High School, sixth floor.

• Redevelopment Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, second-floor conference room.

Tuesday, July 27

• Transportation Advisory Committee meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, second-floor conference room.

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Experts try to clarify Medicare

Town Hall forum discusses programs for seniors

BY BROOKE LEISTER
STAFF WRITER

More than 60 people learned about upcoming changes in the Medicare program and the Medicare-approved prescription discount cards at a forum in Town Hall auditorium Tuesday morning.

"This new policy and change in Medicare is the most significant and widespread since the beginning of the program, not just for today's seniors but for the future," said John Jope, executive director of the Arlington Council on Aging.

The forum, sponsored by the COA and Minuteman Senior Services' SHINE Program, was presented to discuss Medicare changes resulting from "The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003."

"It's very confusing, yet it's thoroughly important for all of our seniors to be aware of this," said Town Manager Brian Sullivan.

Debbie Banda, the state director of the American Association of Retired Persons, said while the new law is not perfect, it is a start.

"The Medicare law was never intended to solve the problem we have in this country with the rising cost of prescription drugs. It is not the solution. It is one part of the solution. We need to work to make this law better," Banda said.

Cheryl Cippola, education coordinator for Medicare Part B who works for National Heritage Insurance Company, spoke about drug discount cards, available now, as well as the prescription drug plan scheduled to start in 2006.

Those in a lower income bracket, will be eligible for the greatest help. Single people with an income of \$12,569 or less and married couples with an income of \$16,862 or less may qualify for a \$600 credit on the discount cards to help pay for prescription drugs. Income limits change every year. Medicare will contract with private companies to

offer the cards until prescription drug benefits start in 2006.

Cynthia Phillips, regional SHINE program director for Minuteman Senior Services, encouraged people to carefully think about what card will be best for them. With numerous cards to choose from, it's important to thoroughly understand the pros and cons of each.

"Be very careful that you completely analyze your discount before dropping another plan," Phillips said.

In Massachusetts, there are about 34 different discount cards available, with annual costs ranging from nothing to \$30. The state's Attorney General's office urges consumers to ask if a card is Medicare-approved before purchasing. Don't simply rely on the company's literature, cross-reference it with information from Medicare.

Katharine London, director of health policy for state Attorney General Thomas Reilly's office, said while there have been few reports of Medicare fraud in Massachusetts, consumers still need to exercise caution and ask questions.

If someone calls unsolicited, do not give out personal information, including bank account numbers. Also, keep copies of all forms that have been filled out.

"Even if it sounds like a good deal, ask them to send you information in the mail," London said by phone call. "You never want to give your personal information out on the phone."

The law prohibits Medicare from negotiating prescription costs. Since the law was passed in December, Phillips said some drug prices have increased three times.

Those with questions could ask their pharmacist about the various cards or call the Medicare hotline (1-800-Medicare).

"Tell them what your medications are, what your milligrams are and they'll provide you with a list," Phillips recommended.

Molly McGinnis, community outreach coordinator for the state's Prescription Advantage Program, said there will be an open enrollment in September. Applications must be received by Sept. 30. Those eligible for the insurance program are Massachusetts residents age 65 or older and those under 65 who meet disability and income guidelines.

Banda, of the AARP, said Prescription Advantage is the most comprehensive state plan in the country.

"If you aren't in Prescription Advantage, find out about it. If you are in it and your friends are not, tell them about it," she said.

Arlington resident Catherine MacNeil, 75, said the forum was helpful and worth attending.

"I remember years ago we just had one health insurance for most everyone. Now, there's so many and you have to find the best one (for you)," she said.

Louise Routenberg, also of Arlington, attended to be better informed.

"I was interested in furthering the information I already had — trying to stay on top of what's available if the need arises," said Routenberg, 73.

She was also surprised the auditorium was not full. About 65 people attended.

"I think a lot of people have questions, but I don't think they know where to go to find answers or when it's offered, they don't attend. This hall should be overflowing. I think it's great the town is offering this and people should take advantage of it," Routenberg said.

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Town seeks Korean War veterans

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Candidate supports governor's work

Steinhilber taking on Marzilli

BY ROBERTO SCALESE
STAFF WRITER

Eric Steinhilber is still new to Arlington, but he's jumped feet-first into town politics.

He was elected to Town Meeting this past year and is now running a write-in campaign for Jim Marzilli's state representative seat.

"I've always been interested in government and community service," said Steinhilber, a Republican. "It's a very noble profession. Some people don't look at it that way, but I do."

Steinhilber, 29, was born and raised on Cape Cod, a product of the Barnstable school system. After spending a couple of years at the University of Massachusetts-



Eric Steinhilber

Amherst, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Central Florida.

Steinhilber moved back to the area and now works as an annuity services specialist for Manulife Financial. He moved to Arlington just over two years ago.

"My uncle had lived in Arlington for a while and my fiancée's grew up in Arling-

ton," said Steinhilber.

In his short tenure as a town resident, Steinhilber has joined the Republican Town Committee and was a member of the Arlington Coalition for Responsible Spending, the organization formed to oppose the 2003 tax override attempt.

Steinhilber said he didn't have time to get on the ballot after another potential Republican candidate backed out of the race at the last minute. Still, he said, having a contested race for the seat is the best way to preserve democracy.

"I think it's important, right across the state, to have contested elections," said Steinhilber. "Jim Marzilli has never had a contested general election. I look forward to the debate."

If elected, Steinhilber said he would follow many of the initiatives laid out by Governor Mitt Romney. The reforms set forth by the governor are important and that

makes it critical the State House no longer hold a veto-proof Democratic majority, he said.

"Governor Romney was elected by a pretty sizeable margin because right now, the state government wastes millions of dollars a year," said Steinhilber. "The problem in Massachusetts is not undertaxation, it's overtaxation."

Steinhilber said reforms like combining MassHighway and the Turnpike Authority, reforming the court system and keeping the promise to drop the income tax rate to 5 percent are crucial for the average Arlington and West Medford resident.

"I don't believe my opponent is accountable to the people he represents. He's tried to raise the tax rate back up to 6 percent," said Steinhilber.

Another issue Steinhilber said he'd pursue is Baby Safe Haven legislation, which Marzilli opposes.

Children's defense program scheduled

Registrations are now being accepted for the r.a.d. KIDS summer programs (resist aggression defensively for children aged 5 up to 11 years of age).

r.a.d. KIDS is a comprehensive children's safety program that covers home safety, school safety, out-and-about safety, vehicle safety, stranger tricks, personal safety and defense against abduction. Classes provide learning through instruction, role-playing and by practicing physical skills.

Classes will be held in Arlington, but are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Classes run in a summer "camp" format (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon). One remaining program will be run for 8 to 10 years (Aug. 9 to 13).

Cost \$110/child for the five-day (15-hour) program. Reduced fees for second or third child in the same family.

For more information, go to the Web site www.indefense-boston.org or phone at 781-643-7353.

Marzilli files ethics complaint against governor

BY ROBERTO SCALESE
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Jim Marzilli (D-Arlington) has filed an ethics complaint against Governor Mitt Romney.

Marzilli filed the complaint after seeing Romney give a press conference outside his office about the selection of Sen. John Edwards as the Democratic vice presidential nominee earlier this month.

The entire scene was paid for by state tax dollars, said Marzilli, and that violates the state's campaign finance laws and may be an ethics viola-

tion.

Marzilli has filed a complaint with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance and the State Ethics Commission. Both agencies do not publicly comment on current investigations.

"I do anticipate the governor will be told he can no longer use state employees for election purposes," said Marzilli.

Romney's office did not return calls seeking comment. In recent press reports, officials in the governor's office have said the press conference was set up after several calls

were received asking for Romney's opinion on the Edwards selection.

Marzilli said Romney may discuss presidential politics all he wants, provided he does so on his own dime. Instead, having the conference outside his office, in full view of the state flag and state seal, with paid staff members setting up and managing the press event, Romney was improperly using his office in a political manner, according to Marzilli.

"He's free to answer any questions he wants from the press, but he's not allowed to use state employees to hold a

'The reform governor wants to have it both ways.'

STATE REP. JIM MARZILLI
(D-ARLINGTON)

press conference in the State House for that purpose," said Marzilli.

Marzilli is also concerned about Romney's increasingly frequent trips to campaign for President George W. Bush. Romney has come under fire recently for fund raising for

the New Jersey Republican Party and his comments to the Washington Press Corps criticizing Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry.

"When he travels, he takes with him an entourage of state troopers and the taxpayers will have to pay for their travel costs, salaries, accommodations and expenses so Mitt Romney can campaign across the country," said Marzilli. "The reform governor wants to have it both ways. He says he wants reforms, but then he uses the oldest political trick in the book and uses taxpayer money for campaigning."

HazMat plan available

Pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), the Arlington Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has made available the Hazardous Material Emergency Plan for the town of Arlington.

Printed copies of the plan are available at the chief's office of the Arlington Fire Department, 112 Mystic St., during normal business hours. Written questions or comments on the plan may be addressed to the Arlington Local Emergency Planning Committee, c/o Chief's Office, Arlington Fire Department, 112 Mystic St., Arlington, MA 02474.

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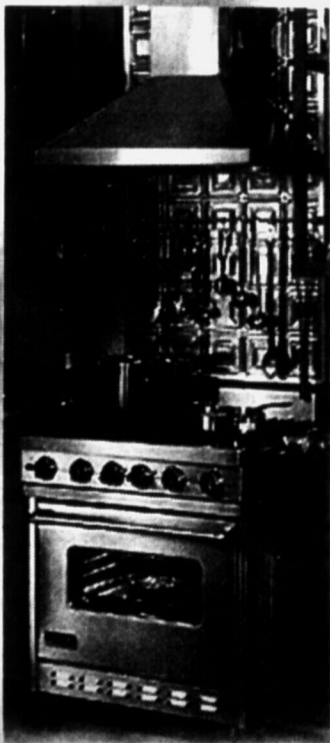
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PTO Thrift Shop stays open during summer

The PTO Thrift Shop for the Arlington Public Schools will continue to be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the summer with the exception of the weeks beginning Aug. 1 and Sept. 1 and perhaps additional weeks in late August. Please check the thrift shop Web site, www.ptothriftshop.com or contact a Thrift Shop representative for updated information.

The thrift shop is current-

ly looking for donations of the following items for use in the store: a digital camera, a hand-held vacuum cleaner in good condition, large plastic storage bins with tight-fitting lids, pant/skirt hangers (clip-type), a cash register, an open shelving unit on wheels, free-standing multi-level shoe racks and metal shelving (5 to 6 feet).

Located in the basement of the Fox Library at 175

Mass Ave., in East Arlington, the all-volunteer Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, 4-8 p.m. All proceeds benefit Arlington Public Schools.

For information on volunteering, contact Toni Langerman at 781-641-9969 or krausman-2@rcn.com.

For all other information, contact Mary Ellen De Natale at medenatale@earthlink.net or Sara Billingsley at 781-648-6988.

Mall seeks charities for event

Burlington Mall is inviting local charities and not-for-profit organizations to sign up to participate in Simon Evening of Giving, an annual private shopping and entertainment event that raises funds for national, regional and local charities.

On the evening of Nov. 21, Burlington Mall will be reserved exclusively for the use of shoppers who've purchased \$10 Simon Evening of Giving tickets from participating charities. The event will feature exclusive store discounts throughout the mall, family entertainment, delicious food sampling and more.

Local charities will have the

opportunity to sell tickets to this event and 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit the participating charities. Of funds generated, \$7 from each ticket will directly benefit the organization selling the ticket. The remainder will benefit the Simon Youth Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that fosters educational and career development for at-risk youth. The Simon Youth Foundation was established in 1998 by Simon Property Group, owners of Burlington Mall.

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Last year's Simon Evening of Giving raised more than \$1.7 million for more than 2,300 national, regional and local charities. Burlington Mall's 2003 Evening of Giving event raised \$45,000 that benefited 90 charities in Massachusetts.

To participate in Simon Evening of Giving or to receive more information about the event, contact Kelley McCue at Burlington Mall at 781-272-8668.

VFW Post 1775 invites veterans to join ranks

The Donald F. MacGillivray VFW Post 1775 of Arlington would like to invite all eligible men and women to join with them in the membership drive for eligible veterans from World War II; Korean War; Vietnam; Grenada; Panama Intervention Force; Persian Gulf War; Kosovo Campaign Medal; and the latest Hostile Fire or imminent Danger Pay.

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After becoming a member there are numerous services available to you.

Only campaigns that have been approved by Congress and signed by the president

are deemed eligible for membership in the VFW.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is also helpful in processing service-connected claims once you become a member.

If you would like to know more about the Arlington VFW Post 1775 and especially campaign eligibility requirements, contact Thomas W. Murphy, VFW Post 1775 service officer 781-646-0328 or e-mail Feb1673@aol.com

Markey questions prisoners being sent to other countries

Rep. Edward Markey (D-Malden), a senior member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security and the Energy and Commerce Committee, last week released letters to Attorney General John Ashcroft and acting CIA Director John McLaughlin, asking why the U.S. is sending detainees suspected of terrorism to foreign countries, such as Syria, Egypt and Jordan, where they are likely to be tortured during interrogations.

"President Bush declared that 'the values of this country are such that torture is not a part of our soul and our being,'" Markey said. "But the Bush administration appears to be side-stepping moral and legal barriers to torture by sending prisoners to other countries known to practice torture, including Syria, Egypt and Jordan, to be interrogated there."

"This secretive practice, called 'extraordinary rendition,' is not only a moral outrage, but it also puts our troops serving abroad at greater risk of being tortured if they are captured. Extraordinary rendition has no place in our foreign or military policy and should be ended."

Extraordinary rendition is the secretive practice of extra-judicial transfer of detainees to foreign governments for interrogation, usually because the foreign governments are willing to use harsh interrogation techniques, including torture, that would not be legal in the United States.

On Oct. 17, 2002, former CIA Director George Tenet testified to the Joint House and Senate Select Intelligence Committees "by 11 September, CIA (in many cases with the FBI) had rendered 70 terrorists to justice around the world."

U.S. diplomats and intelligence officials, speaking anonymously, have repeatedly confirmed rendition continues and, if anything, has increased since Sept. 11. The most well-known case is that of Maher Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian citizen who was detained while transiting through JFK Airport in September 2002 and sent to Syria for interrogation, where he was held for nearly a year and reportedly tortured.

After his release and return to Canada, he wasn't charged with any crime. Ashcroft said the U.S. received "assurances" from Syria that it would not torture Arar. Arar's case received attention because he is the only known example of a rendered person who returned from rendition to tell his story.

The letters sent by Markey asked Ashcroft and McLaughlin how many individuals have been subject to extraordinary rendition since Sept. 11 and to which countries; whether rendition has resulted in significant intelligence findings; why "assurances" not to torture from a known torturer such as Syria were accepted in the Arar case; and why rendition does not violate U.S. obligations under the international Torture Convention.

Markey is the author of H.R. 4674, legislation that directs the State Department to draw up a list of countries that routinely practice torture during detention and interrogation and bans all rendition, return or transfer to any nation on that list.

The legislation contains a limited waiver in cases in which a mechanism exists to ensure a person will not be tortured, including, at a minimum, immediate, unfettered and continuing access to an independent humanitarian organization.

Submitted by Rep. Ed Markey's office.



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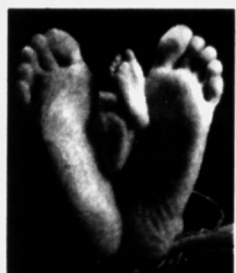
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Police bust pair for dealing drugs

BY LES MASTERSON
STAFF WRITER

Following a several-month investigation, Arlington Police and the Suburban Middlesex County Drug Task Force arrested a Massachusetts Avenue woman and Roxbury man for reportedly dealing drugs.

Police arrested Robin Ann Pessotti, 42, 1205 Massachusetts Ave., Apt. 2, and charged her with possessing Class B drugs (cocaine and percocet), distributing a Class B drug (cocaine) and a warrant for operating a

motor vehicle after her license was suspended. They also arrested Robert Alexis Cancel-Gonzales, 21, 10 Hunter St., Roxbury, and charged him with distributing a Class B drug.

At around 4 p.m. last Wednesday, police executed a search warrant at Pessotti's Massachusetts Avenue residence. When police arrived, they saw Cancel-Gonzales enter the apartment they were about to search. Police spoke to the man when he left the residence.

Officers entered the apartment and found cocaine,

percocet and other unidentified drugs. Police also discovered a glass tube containing white rock-like substance, two boxes of baking soda, various pipes and home-made devices used to ingest products, such as cocaine, and various tools that are used to cut pills and cocaine, according to police.

Police also searched Cancel-Gonzales' vehicle. They allegedly found a hollow candle that police said is often used to hide narcotics and seized his cellular phone and \$231.

During the investigation,

undercover officers bought a variety of Class B substances from Pessotti. However, Police Chief Fred Ryan declined to comment specifically on the types of drugs undercover officers purchased.

Ryan said the investigation is open and active.

"Any distribution of drugs in Arlington we consider to be a serious crime," said Ryan. "We will continue to work on this and other drug investigations."

Ryan said there are no other charges pending at this time.

Congressman raises \$1.35M in 3 months

Rep. Ed Markey (D-Malden), announced last week he has raised more than \$1.35 million from April 1 to June 30, capping a successful three-month fund-raising program. Markey's quarter was highlighted by an event he hosted at the World Trade Center in Boston in which his campaign committee raised more than \$420,000.

"I am enormously grateful to those in Massachusetts who have generously con-

tributed to my campaign. I am pleased to know that my efforts to fight for affordable health care, a clean environment, the creation of new jobs and support for our first responders have led to an unprecedented level of financial support for my reelection efforts," he said.

Markey is also the chairman of the John Kerry campaign for president in Massachusetts.

Submitted by Rep. Ed Markey's office.

Johnny Winter descends on town

Johnny Winter is coming back to the Regent Theatre at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

Winter (touring in support of his new CD) is back by popular demand. He will feature the James Montgomery Band with special guest Julien Kasper Band.

Winter became a blues-rock star in the late 1960s and early 1970s and gained recognition in the late 1970s by producing two Grammy Award-winning records for Muddy Waters.

Born in Beaumont, Texas, Winter formed his first band at 14 with his brother Edgar, and spent his youth in recording studios cutting regional singles and in bars playing the blues. His discovery on a national level came via an article in "Rolling Stone" in

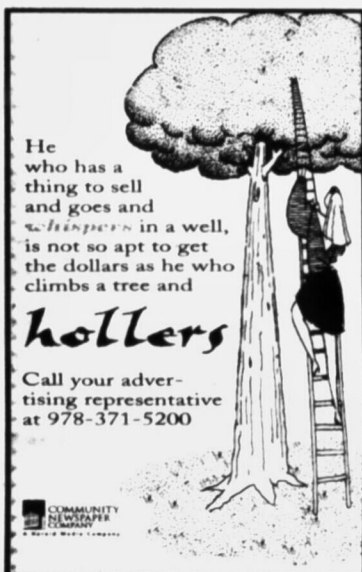
1968, which led to a management contract with New York club owner Steve Paul and a record deal with Columbia. His debut album reached the charts in 1969.

Winter later formed a band with former members of The McCoys, including second guitarist Rick Derringer. 1971's "Johnny Winter And LIVE" earned him a Gold Record while 1973's "Still Alive and Well" was for many weeks a Billboard bestseller.

Montgomery has been one of the most sought-after,

respected blues harmonica players and performers in the country since the early 1970s when his career was launched after a multi-album deal with Capricorn Records. This year, his latest recording, "Bring It On Home," received a W.C. Handy Award nomination and James Montgomery & Friends were recently nominated for a Boston Music Award for Best Blues Act.

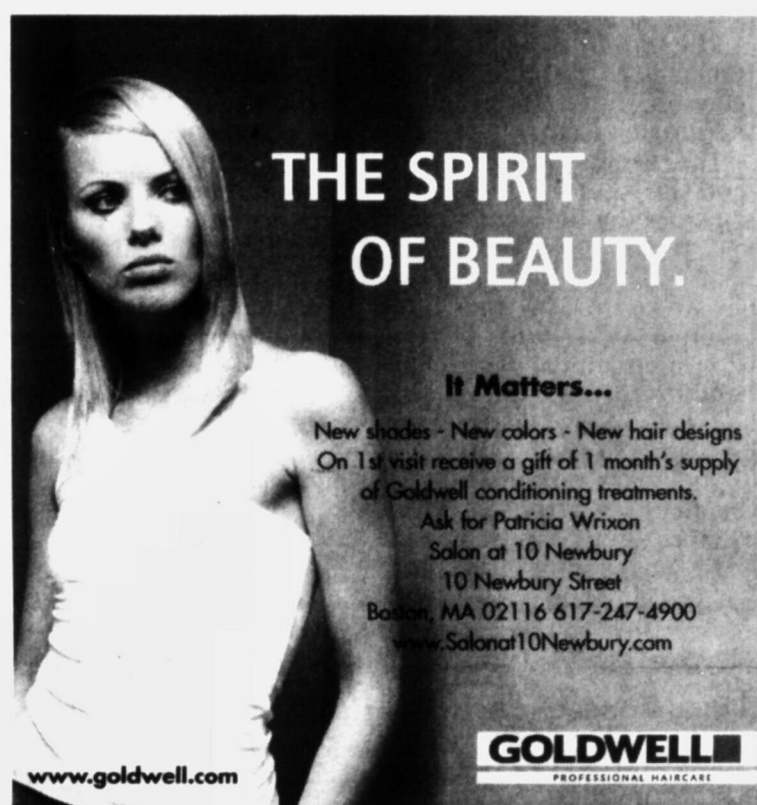
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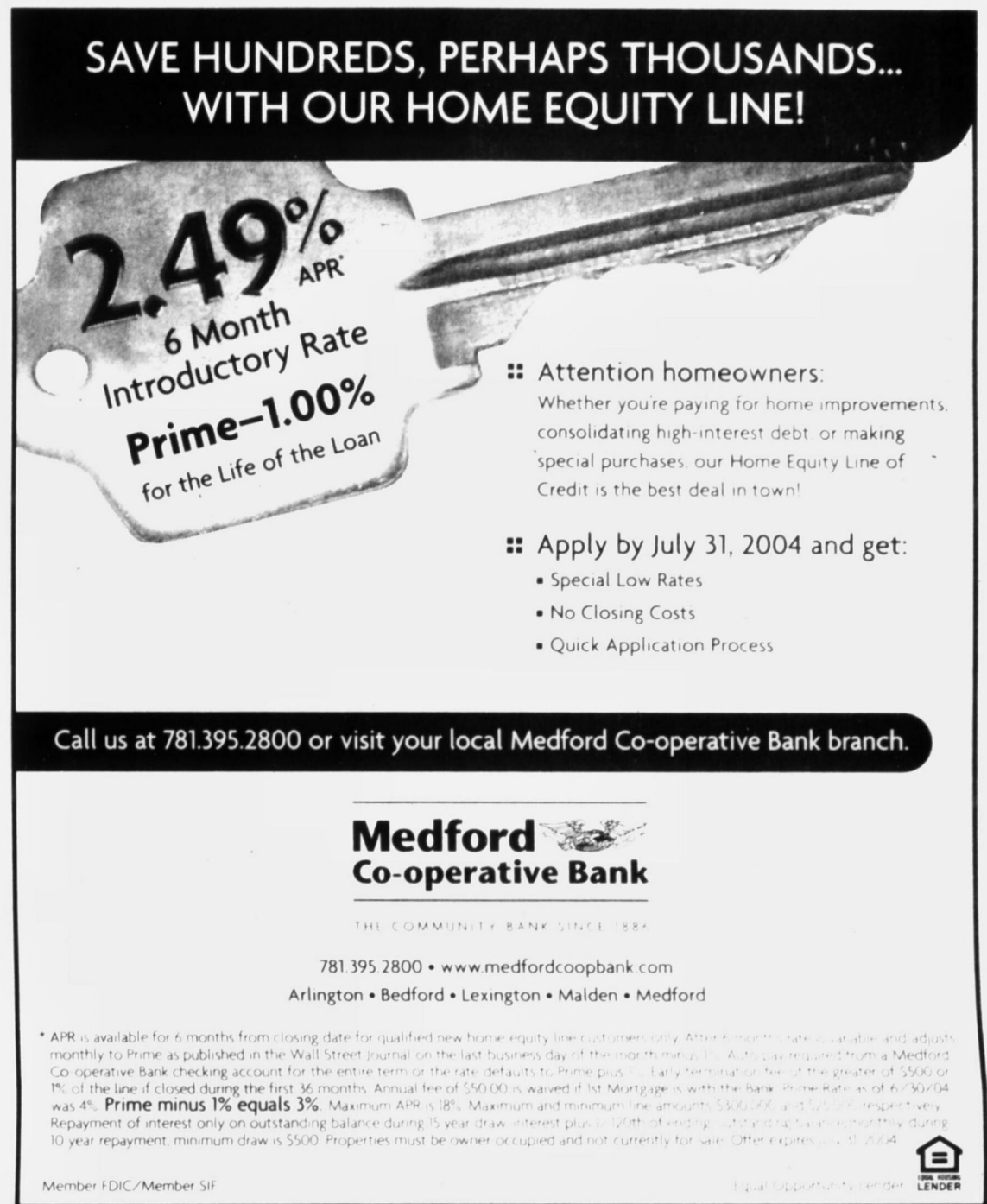
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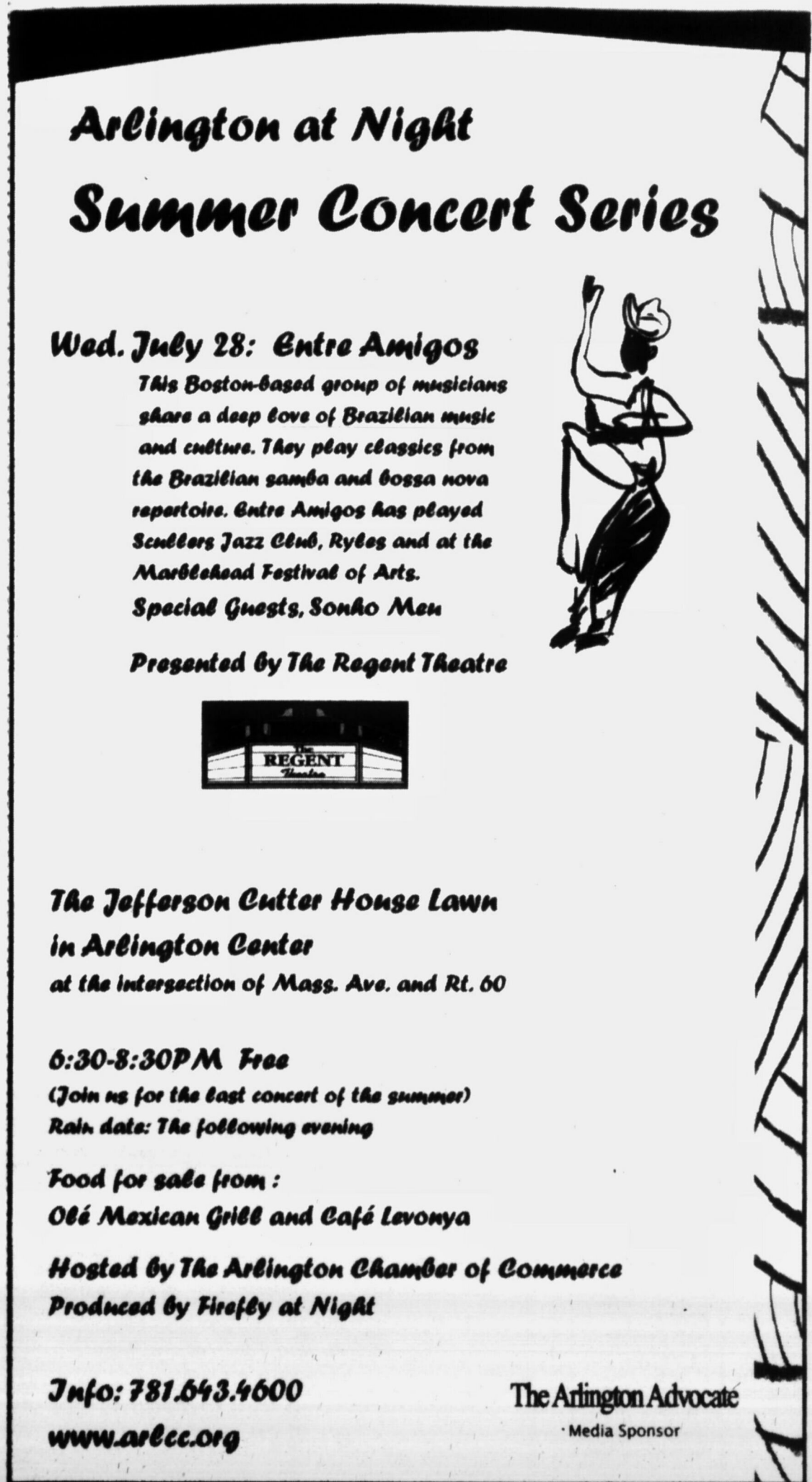
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Arlington resident Oakes Plimpton helps clean the Donald R. Marquis Minuteman Trail. The Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee, Green Streets, the Friends of Spy Pond Park and the Arlington Land Stewards have been coordinating efforts to pick up trash and keep the path free of invasive plants. Volunteers are planning the next cleanup on Saturday

Volunteers needed for cleanups

Cleanups along the Minuteman Trail have been taking place every other Saturday morning of the summer.

The Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee, Green Streets, the Friends of Spy Pond Park and the Arlington Land Stewards have been coordinating efforts to pick up trash and keep the path free of invasive plants. They have worked in East Arlington, Arlington Heights and most recently in Arlington Center.

Volunteers work between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. clipping Japanese Knotweed, Oriental Bittersweet, Multiflora Rose and removing Garlic Mustard and Norway Maple saplings. Volunteers have included members of the above organizations, as well as several Arlington High School students, their teacher and many private citizens of Arlington.

The next cleanup will be on July 24. The group will be meeting at 10 a.m. in front of Carberry's and will

be working on the path between Linwood Street and Arlington Center.

Participants are encouraged to bring work gloves, clippers, loppers and other similar gardening tools if they have them. Future cleanup dates are scheduled for Aug. 14 and 28.

For meeting locations for these future dates or for more information, contact Stephan Miller (smiller@world.std.com) or Elizabeth Kernan (kernan@earthlink.net).

AHS students learn about graduation requirement

Community service a must for Class of '07

The Arlington High School Class of 2007 recently learned about a new type of graduation requirement at a school assembly.

In addition to fulfilling required academic coursework and demonstrating computer technology skills, earning a diploma will also require that students give back to the community through completing 40 hours of community service.

In addition to a presentation giving an overview of the community service requirement and examples of activities which students might be interested in becoming involved with, senior Corey Walkinshaw talked about her extensive

involvement with volunteerism during her high school years, which included working with Special Olympics and participating in Arlington High School's Volunteer Interact Club, for which she served as president.

Community service activities are defined as those performed to benefit at least one other unrelated person and for which students receive no payment or academic credit. Many students have already engaged in volunteer activities in a variety of community venues ranging from tutoring residents of Drake Village in English language skills, organizing charity drives and working with special needs students

through the Friends of Behavioral Intervention Program.

While the school will assist and advise, students are encouraged to find their own projects to perform service. Opportunities will be posted regularly on the AHS Web site and through daily announcements during the school year. The form for documenting service performed is also available on the Web site as well as in school offices.

Any community organization that might have volunteer opportunities for Arlington High School students should contact Assistant Principal Elinor Freedman at 781-316-3591 or via e-mail at efreedman@town.arlington.ma.us.

Chamber's final summer concert set for July 28

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce's "Arlington at Night" free summer concert series will conclude Wednesday, July 28 with Entre Amigos.

The concert will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the Jefferson Cutter House lawn in Arlington Center.

The Regent Theatre presents the band that plays classics from the Brazilian samba and bossa nova repertoire. Food will span the globe as Olé Mexican Grill and Café Levonya tickle our palates with international dishes. On hand for the last concert will be RCN, Body Access and Hawthorn Suites.

This year's series is truly a Chamber enterprise with member involvement from

beginning to end. Produced by Firefly at Night, each concert is exclusively sponsored by a different Chamber business. Chamber food establishments will prepare picnic food for sale. The Arlington Advocate is the event media sponsor and the videotaped series will be broadcast on Comcast's cable channel.

New this year, concert program advertisers (all members) will be on hand with raffles and giveaways.

For further information about the event, call 781-643-4600, visit www.fireflyatnight.com or send an e-mail to the Chamber at info@arlingtonchamberofcommerce.org. Rain dates will take place the following evening.

Spanish show gets underway

Comcast's community access channel will be hosting a studio production workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Arlington Studio, 85 Park Ave., to train volunteers for the new Arlington Spanish Network elementary Spanish cable show.

Community members interested in participating in the Spanish cable project and other Comcast community access productions are welcome to attend. An Arlington Spanish Network meeting open to all will be held from 5-6 p.m. prior to the workshop.

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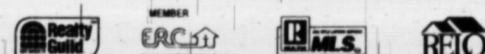
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Library offers group listing

The Robbins Library and the Minuteman Library Network are working together to provide an online directory containing information about community groups and agencies operating in Arlington and other Minuteman towns.

The Community Information Database (C.I.D.) includes information on all types of community organizations, including cultural, social, civic, educational, professional and recreational groups. Each listing in the database provides the name of a contact person, an address, telephone number and a description of meetings, programs and/or services. Information is searchable by name or keyword.

The C.I.D. Database is available from all Minuteman computers in the Robbins Library. Home Internet access are available as well.

If you would like more information or know of a group that should be included in the C.I.D., please call Bob James at 781-316-3220 or stop by the Reference Desk of the Robbins Library for an application.

New front doors are on the way

The staff of the Robbins Library would like library patrons to know of an upcoming project to replace the library's front doors with updated automatic doors.

This project is slated to begin on Monday, Aug. 2.

For the duration of this project, the front entrance of the Robbins Library building will be inaccessible. Library users will be re-directed to the Fiction Room entrance near the parking lot. The library staff regrets any inconvenience that this may cause and asks for your patience during this work.

Game night at library

Are you bored with the same old card games you play at home?

If so, the Children's Room at Robbins Library in conjunction with game company, Gamewright, is having an instructional and hands on "Gamewright Game Night: A Night of Game Playing Madness" tonight, Thursday, July 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Jason Schneider, product development and marketing manager of Gamewright, a division of Ceaco, Inc., based in Watertown, will introduce parents and children to many of their award winning games, such as "Slamwich" (a fun spin on the popular "slap jack" game), "Rat-a-Tat-Cat" as well as "The Scrambled States of America" (a game for children 8 and up).

Schneider and his Gamewright team have previously appeared at the Arlington Boys and Girls Club as well as the Brackett and Thompson Elementary schools.

The game night will also expose children to the latest card and board games by Gamewright that are not yet on the market. The children's feedback and exploration with the latest creations from Gamewright could become tomorrow's latest card craze. Children are encouraged to come with a parent, bring a friend, or meet a new game partner at the program in order to experience new ways to shuffle and deal up some fun this summer.

Info available for small businesses

The Robbins Library offers access to a wealth of information designed to help small business owners. The collection in the 650s targets books on ideas for home-based business, books on using the Internet to promote your business, personnel issues, sales, direct marketing and women in business.

The Employment and Education aisle in the Reference Room offers books on schooling and careers in specific fields of interest. Watch for book displays in the Refer-



ROBBINS LIBRARY

ence Room in July, August and September.

Helpful sources are available in the Reference Department as well. If you need a supplier of a product or a list of contacts for a particular line of business, "Thomas' Directory of American Manufacturers" has thousands of listings. "The Encyclopedia of Associations" supplies contact information related to all subjects and professional groups.

New editions of the "Massachusetts Manufacturer's Directory" and the "Dun & Bradstreet Regional Business Directory" are located at the Reference Desk.

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Call 781-316-3233.

Comic book workshop

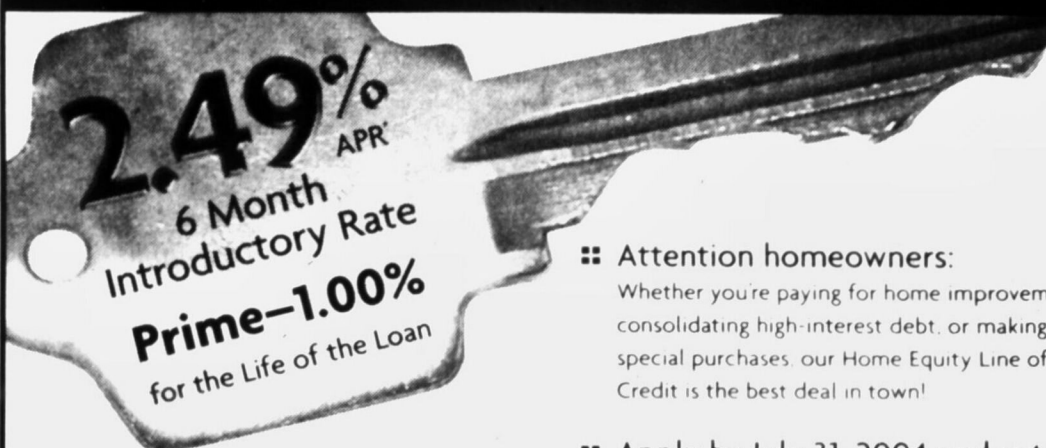
On Thursday, July 22, Jordan Rountree will give a workshop on comic books for children and teens.

Jordan is 14 years old and has studied comics since he was 8. He has studied art and comic books in France at the Louvre.

The workshop will consist of a discussion of comic books both American and European and then a lesson in creating a comic book. Come to the Children's Room at Robbins Library at 7 p.m. The workshop will last until 9 p.m.

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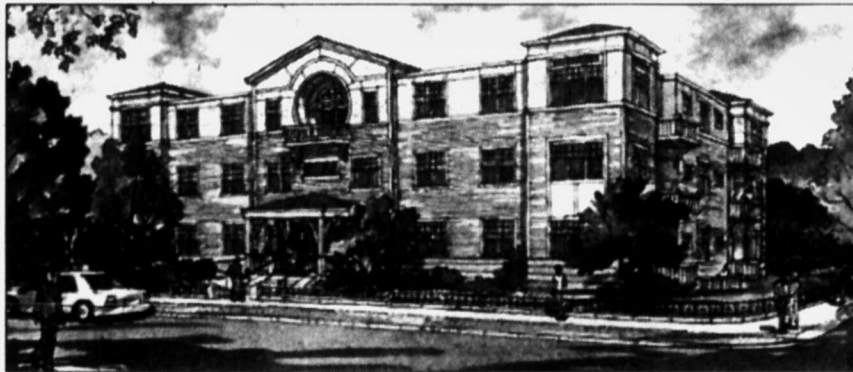
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EDITORIAL

Missed opportunity by Board of Health

The Board of Health had a chance to send a message last week to restaurants that fail inspection. Friendly's representatives were before the board to discuss the town shutting down the Broadway eatery after a worker was discovered with hepatitis A and inspectors found improper food handling procedures and other health code violations last month.

According to the Health Department, food was handled without gloves; workers did not wash their hands after contacting raw foods; and eggs were left on counters, out of refrigerators in the cooking areas.

At last week's meeting, Health Director Christine Connolly asked the Board of Health to require Friendly's to have their cooks certified in nationally-recognized safe food handling procedures. Connolly,

who has inspected Friendly's before last month, said the eatery's food safety training is "not sufficient."

A Friendly's representative said requiring cooks to become certified would be difficult, especially the teen-age cooks who are still in school and can't attend an all-day seminar.

After hearing Friendly's plea, the board agreed to allow in-house training for all staff who handles food.

This was the board's opportunity to show Arlington will not stand for unsanitary conditions in its restaurants. The recent cases of hepatitis A has caused some to avoid Arlington's eateries. Though the cases are not connected, some are worried about the eating out.

There are many hard-working people who follow the safety rules and are being hurt because of the two cases.

Hepatitis A is something the Board of Health cannot control through its investigations, but the board can penalize health code violators. Connolly thought the charges were serious enough to close down the restaurant last month.

We respect the board did not want to hurt Friendly's any further and require them to go to nationally-recognized classes.

However, last week was the opportunity to allay people's fears and let everyone know uncleanly conditions in restaurants will not be tolerated in the town of Arlington.

Truck ban is a good idea

I'm responding to Ed Trembly's letter in the July 15 issue of The Advocate ("Truck ban is a bad idea").

Although I sympathize with Ed's desire to avoid restrictions, I think his letter has a number of inaccuracies in both the intent and consequences of Jim Marzilli's budget item for restricting truck traffic on Pleasant Street.

First: the ban calls for restricting commercial trucks from midnight to 6 a.m. — not noon as stated in his letter. At that time of night, most families in the 450 or so Arlington residences (and many more Medford homes) are sleeping — or trying to sleep.

Second: From surveys conducted throughout the night, most of the large commercial trucks traveling during these hours are hauling petroleum and sometimes donut-making supplies or beer. I'm certain most of the prices associated with these consumables result from manufacturing costs and taxes — local transportation costs have a negligible effect on prices for these products.

Third: trucks traveling this route would add, at most, an hour to their runs, and many would add less than a half hour. It simply doesn't take that long to use routes 95 and 93 to get to north of Boston during the late-night hours.

Finally: as the bill is written, the residents of Park Avenue and any other cross street in Arlington will actually see a similar reduction in truck traffic because these large vehicles would not have a way to connect to Route 93 and points north of Boston. In fact, we've had significant interest from Belmont and Medford citizens for Jim's initiative because it improves the quality of life for so many.

It's quite telling that Lexington and Winchester have effectively surrounded most of their residential areas with truck restrictions and Cambridge has been aggressively pursuing restrictions for years. This ban will significantly reduce noise pollution during the night for a large number of residents in Arlington, Belmont and Medford and I'm very thankful for Jim Marzilli's efforts.

Ed Cuoco
Pleasant Street

Way to save on electricity, gas

I was delighted to see letters in the most recent Advocate suggesting ways to economize on water and electricity in our daily round of household duties. But neither of the letters mentioned drying our laundry out of doors. This is a tremendous saving of electricity or gas and a pleasure as well.

Whenever the air temperature is above freezing and there is no prediction of rain for the day, I dry my wash outside. This means I have to have some flexibility on wash day, depending on the weather, but that only adds to the

interest of the day.

In fact, I measure the severity of our winters by how often I capitulate and use the dryer in the basement. The record, in one mild year, was — only twice.

I dry my laundry on four lines strung between a pole and a fence. My usual routine is to put a load or two in the washing machine in the evening and then hang the wash up early the following morning. The dawn air is fresh and, at this season at least, all the birds are singing. It's wonderful.

I live in a fairly swanky section of town, and I am always discouraged by how few households around me have clothes lines. I think outdoor drying should be fashionable in even the best neighborhoods.

Marjorie Cohn
Jason Street

Supports Baby Safe Haven law

I was so upset to read another newborn baby was abandoned and our state has yet to remedy the situation with a Baby Safe Haven law.

It is an embarrassment we are one of the few states that seems unable to get this in motion. How often do taxpayers have the chance to solve a problem in a way that doesn't cost a penny and will undoubtedly save lives?

If a community cannot protect the most defenseless of citizens, it casts a pall over all the good we do. How sad the police chief in South Hampton must ask a distraught mother to please come forward for medical attention, but cannot assure that she will not be arrested.

I share the view with those who believe this is a failure of democracy for our state and I would urge voters to remedy this by becoming more informed and more active in the process of getting legislators in office who are protecting children.

Cathie Ryan
Candidate for state representative
15th Middlesex

Vice presidential candidate is right

John Edwards is right when he talks about the need to provide health care for all.

He earned \$26.9 million one year. The Medicare tax on these earnings would be \$591,000. But he doesn't want to pay this amount into the Medicare system. So he forms a subchapter S corporation and lists himself as the sole shareholder.

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Nice, huh. All this is legal, but he constantly talks about providing health care for all.

Yes, vice presidential candi-

date John Edwards is right: there really are two Americas. One for the folks who work for their money and want to keep more of their paycheck and the other America for wealthy politicians who want to raise the working folks' taxes while they employ tricks like "subchapter S" so they themselves don't have to pay.

Dino Livolsi
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Fox Friends say thank you

Last year, the Friends of the Fox Library raised \$20,000, money that was used to operate the Fox Library for a third day each week.

Thanks to the generosity of many local businesses and townspeople, our kick-off events this year have been very successful and we are well on track to raise that amount once again. We are delighted the Fox Library will continue to be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesdays 1 to 9 p.m..

The Friends of the Fox wish to thank everyone who attended our second annual kick-off fund raiser at Flora Restaurant on June 21. The night was a lot of fun and a great success.

We are indebted to the owners of Flora, Bob and Mary Jo Sargent, for their continuing generosity and support. For the second year running, these great Fox Library neighbors hosted the event in their beautiful restaurant and provided fine hors d'oeuvres, wine, coffee and fabulous cookies for everyone's enjoyment.

Arlington's own Sulinha donated the evening's entertainment. She played guitar and sang her own Brazilian jazz, accompanied by percussionist Catherine Birrer, who also donated proceeds from the sale of her CD to the Fox. The music was great and we really appreciated the generosity of both musicians.

Many local businesses donated prizes for our raffle: The Arlington Diner, Arlington Foto Lab, Arlington Park and Recreation, Artbeat, Artwear, The Book Rack, Ciclismo Classico, Clay Dreams, The DeCordova Museum, Hawthorne Suites, Henry Bear's Park, The Knitting Room, Maxima Art Center, Monroe Salt Works, Quebrada, Starbucks and West Coast Video.

We are also extremely grateful to the organizers of the Feast of the East, the businesses that participated and everyone who contributed to the Fox Library Fund during the Feast on June 5. We wish to thank all those who donated books for our book sale that day, with special thanks to Michael Watson, Cindy Diminture and the Friends of Robbins Library for their support.

Among the volunteers, we particularly want to recognize Cynthia Tollen, who put in many long days to organize the book sale, and Dale Hurd, who donated hours of face

painting.

Finally, we want to give a big thank you to all the residents of Arlington who have come together to support the Fox Library. Every donation big or small, has made a difference. We encourage everyone to take part in one of our upcoming events, which will include a family movie night at the Capitol Theater and a bake sale at the Arlington Farmers' Market. Please consider volunteering — many hands make light work.

Contributions can be sent to: The Friends of the Fox Library, P.O. Box 1209, Arlington MA 02474. For further information, or to get involved, please visit our Web site, www.foxlibrary.com, or just stop by the Fox Library.

Margot Fleischman
Bedford

Clarifies point in letter

I would like to make a short response to Ms. Ahearn's letter published in the July 9 issue of The Advocate ("Letter-writer relays her beliefs.")

I think it is obvious what our positions are on the subject of marriage and I think it's pretty clear what we are each basing those positions on so I will not waste time here countering point by point her rebuttal to my letter. However, I would like to make one correction for the public record.

After ignoring my point about judging her position and its effects and stating I am judging her, she complains I never even spoke to her. In fact, after one of my letters was published in The Advocate, she called me and we spoke about what she thinks for the better part of an hour.

So that is the basis from which I made my statement about what she believes about homosexuality.

Michael Cerone
Sylvia Street

Behavior is 'undesirable'

In Glenn Koenig's letter ("Don't use laws to prevent marriage," July 15 Advocate), he states it is not clear to him why homosexual behavior is undesirable.

He also states we really cannot prevent such marriages with laws. He further remarks when we discuss same-sex couples, the discussion often drifts toward "sexual behavior" while with opposite-sex couples, we usually talk about love and commitment. He also thinks this is an issue involving separation of church and state.

Here are a few thoughts to help clarify these issues.

Homosexual behavior is undesirable because it is unnatural. We are created male and female and the purpose of sexual union between the sexes is fundamentally to bring new persons into the world. This is the natural expression of our sexual nature. This union of a man and a woman committed in

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